GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITING FOREIGN SEA FARERS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to allow Indian-flag vessels to recruit foreign sea farers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the trade unions have objected to the decision of the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): In view of the acute shortage of Indian officers, the Government is considering a proposal to allow foreign officers to work on Indian ships subject to certain conditions in consultation with the shipping industry.